[*Translation*]

Free Trade Zone in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

1377. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Free Trade Zone in Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Ban on Export of Ivory and its Handicraft Products

1378. SHRI PRITVIRAJ B. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to ban export of ivory and handicraft products made of ivory; and

(b) if so, the approximate loss of foreign exchange per year as a result thereof?

THE MINITER OF STATE OF THE MINITRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Export of Ivory and product made therefrom has been banned from 30.3.1990.

The export made during the preceding 3 years, indicate the/likely loss of foreign exchange on account of the ban:-

Qty. in Kgs. *Value in Rs. lakhs.*

Sl. No.	*Description of items*	*1987-88*		*1988-89*		*1989-90*	
		Qty.	*Value*	*Qty.*	*Value*	*Qty.*	*Value*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*
1.	Ivory unworked or supply prepared.	—	—	—	—	—	—
2.	Powder and whole of Ivory.	93	0.18	—	—	—	—
3.	Ivory manufactures of artware.	N.A.	75.66	—	58.55	—	44.68

Source : Monthly statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol.I 87-89 (Exports), published by
87-89 Director General, Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Calcutta.

89-90 Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), West Block VII, R.K Puram, New Delhi-66.

New Norms of Exports

1379. SHRI R. SUREENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have laid down new norms of exports with a view to liberalise th policy framework for the 100 per cent export-oriented Units and Export Processing zones;